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For: THERMOSTABLE NUCLEIC ACID POLYMERASE FROM  
THERMOCOCCUS GORGONARIUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application as entering the National Stage under 37 U.S.C. §371, please make the following amendments.

Amendments

In the Specification:

At the top left of page 1, delete "BOEHRINGER MANNHEIM GMBH".

At the top right of page 1, delete "4453/10/EP" and insert therefor --4453--.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

At page 24, line 1, delete "Claims" and insert therefor --We claim: --.

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